



**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Women Development, Child Welfare and Disabled Welfare Department - Formation of "A.P Society for Protection and Empowerment of Women and Children" – Orders –Issued.

**Women Development, Child Welfare and Disabled Welfare (WP-A2)
Department**

G.O. Ms No:22

Dated:31st August, 2009.
Read the following:-

1. Minutes of the departmental review with Chief Minister dated: 23/11/2007.
2. Letter of GOI– DO.No.14-1/2006/CW-II, dated: 28/4/2009, Ministry of Women and Child Welfare communicated approval of Integrated Child Protection Scheme [ICPS] and Directing States to form a State Child Protection Society - through which the funds for the State will be routed.

ORDER:

In the departmental review meeting held by the Chief Minister on 23/11/2007, a decision was taken to constitute "A.P. Society for Protection and Empowerment of Women and Children", with all stakeholders concerned, to meet the long felt need for such a forum facilitating convergence and co-ordination among departments, NGOs, experts and other stakeholders including Self Help Groups etc., for addressing the concerns of women and children in an effective manner. Accordingly, the Bye-laws & Memorandum Of Association (MOA) were finalized in a consultative manner involving departments concerned, NGOs, experts and representatives of women groups etc.

2. In the reference 2nd read above the Government of India (GOI) mean while, has communicated its approval for the implementation of centrally sponsored scheme namely Integrated Child Protection Scheme [ICPS], which also stipulates the formation of State Child Protection Societies in each State as a pre-requisite for release of funds to the States.

3. The Government, after careful consideration, hereby issue orders to institute the "A.P. Society for Protection and Empowerment of Women and Children" for protection; socio-cultural, political and economic empowerment of women and children and to promote-gender equity, access to quality services and opportunities for building an equitable society through convergence and partnership.

4. The objectives of the Society are to:-

- i) contribute for improvements in the wellbeing of women and children, particularly those in difficult circumstances, as well as, to the reduction of vulnerabilities to situations and actions that lead to discrimination, neglect, abuse, exploitation, abandonment and separation.
- ii) synergize the efforts of various government departments/organizations, NGOs, civil societies and international development agencies for effective implementation of the programmes and services meant for them.

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- iii) act as a nodal agency for evolving policies, programmes and strategies for the protection and empowerment of women, children and disabled persons in the State of Andhra Pradesh by promoting/strengthening continuum of services for emergency out reach, institutional care, family and community based care, counseling and support services with necessary support structures.
- iv) review the existing programmes and services at various levels, evolve suitable strategies to bridge the implementation gaps and extend support for effective implementation.
- v) consolidate and replicate/upscale the achievements and best practices of these respective departments and organizations.
- vi) be a center for capacity building; collection, collation and dissemination of information on all aspects of protection and empowerment of women and children and act as a forum of advocacy for the formulation and implementation of women and child protection policies, plans and programs.
- vii) commission third party assessments/evaluations, studies/research, strategic/position papers on their concerns.
- viii) be the umbrella organization to co-ordinate with various departments, NGO's, research & training organizations, universities/educational institutions, media and advocacy groups, professional associations, corporate sector, other civil organizations, public representations, youth groups etc as partners in protection and empowerment of women and children.
- ix) maintain professional, transparent and ethical management culture in all its activities/ bodies etc.

5. The Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare is requested to immediately register the society under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Registration of Societies Act 2001, as per the approved Memorandum of Association and the Bye-laws of the proposed "A.P. Society for Protection and Empowerment of Women and Children" which is being sent separately to her.

6. The Society shall comprise of:-

I. State Level

i) State Steering Committee:-

The Steering Committee shall be headed by Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Planning and Legislative Affairs as Chairperson with Minister WD, CW & DW as Vice Chairperson and Ministers for Home; Labour & Employment; Vaidya Viddhana Parishad; School Education; Rural Development; Sarva Siksha Abhiyan; Panchayat Raj; Civil Supplies; Health & Family Welfare; Social Welfare; Tribal Welfare; Housing; BC Welfare and Minority Welfare as Members.

The Steering Committee would monitor and provide:-

Guidance, advice and support to the society to evolve policies, strategies and schemes for the protection and empowerment of women, children and disabled. Apart from reviewing the progress, the Steering Committee, would provide strength and support to all concerned departments and others to enhance the functioning of the society.

ii) Executive Board:-

The Executive Board would be headed by the Senior most Secretary among the member Secretaries as Chairperson; Secretary WD, CW & DW would be the Vice-Chairperson with Secretaries of Rural Development; Panchayat Raj; Education; Health; Addl. DG,CID or equivalent; CEO-SERP; Commissioner, WD&CW or as notified by Government as Convenor & CEO; Executive Director

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as the Co-convenor; Commissioner, School Education; State Project Director, Sarva Siksha Abhyan; Commissioner, Family Welfare; Commissioner, Labor; Director, Juvenile Welfare; with atleast 3 Representatives from NGOs representing women & child issues, anti trafficking and disabled welfare; 1 representative each from UN and other international agencies; 2 representatives from social workers; 1 representative of State Level Mahila Samakhya as Members.

iii) **General Body:-**

The General Body shall comprise of Principal Secretary (Senior Most) as Chairperson, Principal Secretary WD, CW & DW as the Vice-Chairperson; Additional DG CID; Secretaries of Finance; Home; Labor and Employment; Health Department; Education Department; Rural Development; Sarva Siksha Abhyan; Rural Water Supply and Sanitation; Social Welfare; Tribal Welfare; Minorities Welfare; B.C. Welfare; Panchayat Raj; CEO, Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP); Secretary Ministry of WD & CW Department, Representative of Government of India; Member Secretary, A.P. State Legal Services Authority; Commissioner WD&CW (or an Officer nominated by the Government) as CEO; Executive Director as Co-Convener; Commissioner, Disabled Welfare; Commissioner, Weaker Section, Housing Programme; District Collectors and Chairperson of DLS; (*The General Body shall have 3 district collectors in rotation one from each region representing the 3 region ie., Rayalseema, Telangana and Coastal Andhra*); State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (Sarva Siksha Abhyan; Project Director, A.P. State Aids Control Society; Commissioner, Labor; Director, Juvenile Welfare Department; Director, Health Services; Commissioner, School Education; Commissioner, Rural Development; 3 Representatives from NGOs representing women & child issues, anti trafficking and disabled welfare; 3 Representatives from International Organizations like UNICEF, DFID, CARE etc; 3 Eminent Social Workers working for women and children; 1 representative of State Level Mahila Samakhya as Members; Honorary members, District level Society members, NGOs and such other categories of members as the General Body may decide, on the recommendation of the Chairperson / Vice Chairperson.

II. District Level:-

i) **District Steering Committee**

Each District shall have a District Level Steering Committee (DLSC) which will be headed by the Minister in-charge as Chairman while the Chairman of Zilla Parishad will be the Vice-Chairman. The District collector shall be the Convener and local MLAs, MLCs, 2 Women ZPTC members and 2 women MPPs nominated by the in-charge minister as members.

ii) **District Society:-**

District Society shall be constituted for every district with the following members or as may be notified by the Government/State Apex Society from time to time:-

Collector of the District as Chairperson; District Superintendent of Police as Vice Chairperson; Project Director, WD & CW, as Convenor (or as may be nominated by the District Collector or a person otherwise notified by the State Government; Project Director, DRDA; Project Officer ITDA; (wherever applicable); District Medical & Health Officer; District Employment Officer; District Educational Officer; Head/EDs of SC, ST, BC, Minority Corporations; Asst. Commissioner, Labour; Asst. Director, Disabled Welfare; Secretary, District Legal Services Authority; Representative of Child Welfare Committees, President/office bearer of District Level Mahila Samakhya; 3 representatives of NGOs/Social Workers based on criteria/procedure as approved by State Apex Society; Representatives of International Agencies working for the issues of women, children and disabled welfare present in District and District Probationary Officers as Members.

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7. The tenure of all co-opted, non official members in bodies at State and District levels shall be for a period of three years from the date of their assuming of the office.

8. Any officer/field staff of departments or NGOs/CSOs can refer issues relating to co-ordination/convergence in addressing women and child concerns, to either the District Society concerned or State Society as may be required. Such issues requiring appropriate decisions shall be included in the agenda at District Level and State Level as case may be, while inviting that particular official/individual/NGO to the District Society meeting or Special Executive Board meeting at State Level. Such issues shall be referred to the concerned Project Director Women Development & Child Welfare & Convener in case of District Society meeting and to SPSU and P, M & E Cell at Secretariat WD, CW & DW Department on issue to be raised at State Society.

9. Day-to-day management of the society shall be with the Commissioner, of Women Development and Child Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, or as otherwise notified by the State Govt. who shall be the ex-officio CEO of the Society until further orders. The CEO shall be supported by the Executive Director and the staff to be appointed.

10. The State Society shall be supported by the Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Cell (P, M & E Cell) which shall also be State Project Support Unit (SPSU). The unit shall be located in the Secretariat and shall:-

- i) Co-ordinate /liaise between the Central Project Support Unit, (CPSU) Ministry of Women Development & Child Welfare, GOI and State Project Support Unit (SPSU) headed by the Secretary WD, CW & DW Department. Government of A.P. on the implementation of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).
- ii) Co-ordinate and liaise with Spl. Executive Boards /Committees/Sub Committees of experts /NGOs etc., as may be constituted, by the Executive Board on issues relating to Planning, Program implementation, monitoring & evaluation etc.
- iii) It will provide the required programme quality support as may be needed

11. The Society shall implement the ICPS Scheme of GOI and lay down standards of protocols for homes/institutions; criteria and procedures for selection of Juvenile Justice Boards (JJB), Child Welfare Committees (CWC), for co-opting NGOs/Experts to the State/District Level Societies, as co-management partners in institutions for women and children in the State; prescribe standards, procedures, practices for ensuring transparent and proper functioning of the society, the district society, institutions and finalization of adoption rules as per Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) guidelines etc. The society shall also discharge the duties of a State Child Protection Society (SCPS) as envisaged by GOI in the ICPS guidelines so communicated.

12. The Society on registration shall open an account into which the GoI funds disbursed under ICPS shall be credited, along with such other funds pertaining to women & children as identified by the WD, CW & DW Department, including funds earmarked for Anurag Nilayam i.e., orphanages amounting to Rs.12.50 Crores as the initial State share for ICPS. CEO and Commissioner WD & CW shall operate this account singly or jointly as approved by the Executive Board. The funds shall be utilized only for purposes for which they are sanctioned. The society shall maintain high-quality financial approval, utilization & reporting standards ensuring transparency and accountability.

13. The CEO shall take up matter with Income Tax Department to accord IT exemption to the funds accruing to the society's account. As IT exemption normally

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takes 6 months to 1 year, voluntary contributions if any for children alone, shall be credited to the account available with Director, Juvenile Welfare where a statutory IT exemption is already available as per Chapter X, Sec. 52 of AP JJ Rules 2003, pending receipt of IT exemption orders for society account.

14. Prl. Secretary WD, CW & DW shall enter into MOU with GoI, for (Integrated Child Protection Scheme) ICPS and thereafter further steps to constitute District Societies and position the Executive Director, Project Managers and the support staff as envisaged under ICPS, restricting to the Budget amount to be made available for their honorarium, by Government of India. A transparent procedure based on pre-defined criteria etc., shall be followed for filling up the positions on contract/outsourcing.

15. The A.P Society for Protection and Empowerment of Women and Children shall function as per the Bye-laws and Memorandum of Association (as may be amended from time to time).

16. An amount of Rs.12.50 Crores under Plan allocated by the Government for the children's homes (Anuraga Nilayams) etc, shall be the State share towards the child protection programs stipulated under the ICPS. The amount provided in the following heads shall be credited to the account of the Society.

2235-Social Security Welfare-

02- Social Welfare-

MH-104-Welfare of aged, Infirm and Destitute – GH (11)

SH (09) Orphanages

Rs.10,43,00,000

2235-Social Security Welfare-

02- Social Welfare-

MH-789-Special component plan for Scheduled castes - GH (11)

NSP-SH (11) Orphanages.

TOTAL Rs.12,50,00,000

17. This order issues with the concurrence of Law / Finance Department under their U.O.No.5178/LSP/2009, dated:21.08.2009, and U.O. No. 9558/160/Expr.WD/2009, dated:29.08.2009 respectively.

18. This GO can be accessed from the website of <http://goir.ap.gov.in>

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**P. RAMAKANTH REDDY,
Chief Secretary to Government.**

To

- 1) The Principal Secretary to Government, Health Department, A.P. Secretariat.
- 2) The Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department, A.P. Secretariat.
- 3) The Secretary to Government, Finance Department, A.P. Secretariat.
- 4) The Principal Secretary to Government, Labor and Employment, A.P. Secretariat.
- 5) The Secretary to Government, Education (SE) Department, A.P. Secretariat.
- 6) The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development, A.P. Secretariat.
- 7) The Principal Secretary to Government, Primary Education and SSA A.P. Secretariat.
- 8) The Principal Secretary/Secretary to Government, PR & RD (RWS & Sanitation) Dept, A.P. Secretariat.
- 9) The Principal Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj, A.P. Secretariat.
- 10) The Principal Secretary to Government, Social Welfare, A.P. Secretariat

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- 11) The Principal Secretary to Government, Tribal Welfare, A.P. Secretariat.
- 12) The Principal Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare, A.P. Secretariat
- 13) The Principal Secretary to Government, Backward Class Welfare, A.P. Secretariat
- 14) The Additional DG CID, Lakdikapool, A.P. Hyderabad
- 15) The Chief Executive Officer Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 16) All The District Collectors in Andhra Pradesh State.
- 17) The State Project Director, Rajiv Vidya Mission (Sarva Siksha Abhayan), Hyderabad
- 18) The Commissioner, Women Development & Child Welfare, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 19) The Commissioner, Disabled & Senior Citizens Welfare, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 20) The Commissioner, Labor, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 21) The Commissioner of School Education, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 22) The Commissioner, Rural Development Department, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 23) The Commissioner, Weaker Section, Housing Programme, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 24) The Member Secretary, A.P. State Legal Service Authority, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 25) The Project Director, A.P. State Aids Control Society, A.P. Hyderabad
- 26) The Director, Juvenile Welfare Department, A.P. Hyderabad.
- 27) The Director, Health Services, A.P. Hyderabad.

Copy to :-

- 1) The Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Welfare Department,
Representative of Govt. of India, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
- 2) PS to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister
- 3) PS to Chief Secretary to Government,
- 4) PS to Minister for Finance, Planning & legislative Affairs, A.P. Secretariat.
- 5) PS to Minister for Women Development & Child Welfare, Disabled Welfare and Juvenile
Welfare, A.P. Secretariat.
- 6) PS to Minister for Home, A.P. Secretariat.
- 7) PS to Minister for Labour & Employment, A.P. Secretariat.
- 8) PS to Minister for Minister for Vidya Vidhana Parishad, A.P. Secretariat.
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- 11) PS to Minister for Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, A.P. Secretariat.
- 12) PS to Minister for Panchayat Raj, A.P. Secretariat.
- 13) PS to Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, A.P. Secretariat.
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- 19) PS to Minister for B.C. Welfare, A.P. Secretariat

All other Prl. Secretaries/Secretaries to Govt. All other Heads of Department	}	(For taking necessary action with reference to para 8 as and when required)
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